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#### A MASTERPIECE OF TINTORETTO EMERGES FROM NEW CLEANING

This Crucifixion, which matches in grandeur of concept Tintoretto's great mural in the Scuola di San Rocco, was painted about 1568. Its recent cleaning has brought forth the magnificent polytonal coloring which builds into an overwhelming crescendo the extraordinary composition that anticipates Velasquez' famous use of the lances a century later. Measuring almost twelve feet square, the superb canvas is not only a chef d'oeuvre of Tintoretto but of the entire sixteenth century.

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**SEPTEMBER 18, 1937** 

# The Splendor of Tintoretto in Venice

HANGING standards of art, which are at last according to Venetian painting the place it has long merited, are not only indicative of a general spiritual evolution of the times; they also mark the establishment of a revised artistic hierarchy more in keeping with the esthetic apprehension of today. Such great shows as the Titian Exhibition held two years ago at the Palazzo Pesaro in Venice and the current magnificent Tintoretto display are milestones in this new scale of evaluations. Who, until his assembled works were actually shown in that same green, undulant Venetian light for which they were painted, dreamed of the splendor and variety of Titian? And who has ever before experienced anything like entering the Ca' Pesaro, to be confronted by these immense canvases which, for invention, grandeur of conception and virtuosity of execution, have never been surpassed in the history of art?

In these superb halls Tintoretto's giant figures, as solid and sculptural as Michelangelo's, seem some new emanation of nature, of whose forms they partake. It seems curious, now, to note that Ruskin, in his essay on and comparison of the two masters, com-

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DETAIL FROM "THE ALTARPIECE OF SANT' ORSOLA," AN EARLY WORK OF TINTORETTO

"SUZANNA AND THE ELDERS" PAINTED SHORTLY AFTER 1560; DESCRIBED BY RIDOLFI LENT BY THE KUNSTHISTORISCHES MUSEUM, VIENNA



in short of all those qualities of terribiltà which mark the high Renaissance and which make this show an unforgettable experience.

With the increasing size of the canvas

Tintoretto's technique broadens, approaching that of fresco, becomes liberated and finally foreshadows that of Frans Hals and the Impressionists themselves. No longer is there felt the need for dissimulating the brush strokes, which are clearly visible, sometimes on a barely covered canvas, sometimes heavily loaded as Van Gogh. Tintoretto's conception, too, is new. A more graphic, easily comprehended rendition of sacred subjects conforms to the growing faith of the period that culminated in the counter - Reformation, while the receding wave of Humanism, which once exalted Classical legends to heroic heights, now sees them in terms of everyday happenings.

Many of the works on display, long eclipsed by dirt and distorted by the brush of the restorer, have been virtually reincarnated. Others, removed at last from the gloom of Venetian churches to these well lighted rooms, are for the first time visible. A striking early example which has thus been given back to

the world is *The Last Supper* of San Marcuola, whose disfigurement by repainting and the addition of a false architectural background

for many years actually prejudiced expert opinion as to its authenticity. Once more reduced to its original dimensions and cleaned, it shows, in its relation between the closely grouped figures and the background, Tintoretto's early emancipation from the Venetian tradition of painting space for its own sake. This distribution of movement and action over every portion of the canvas, supplanting the earlier contraposition of figure and neutral background, was to become one of the artist's most striking char-

On his studio wall Tintoretto inscribed the motto "The color of Titian with the drawing of Michelangelo" and indeed in 1548, in the great picture which first established him as a painter, The Miracle of the Slave, we find united the breadth of conception and spiritual tension of the latter with a technical perfection that called forth the amazed admiration of even Pietro Aretino. Here the contrast between the fierce gesture of the executioner holding up the instruments of torture for his master's approval and the sensuous painting of the body of the prostrate slave communicate an awareness of physical violence that is the ultimate exposition of tactile values. The excited group of men, the magnificent, half turned away figure of the Michelangelesque woman and the upraised gaze of the child she holds, who, alone, perceives the avenging form of the saint, give this picture its extraordinary power and drama. The latter, swooping down from Heaven like a bird of prey, recalls, in its masterly foreshortening, Tintoretto's studies made from suspended wax figures in the days when, denied instruction by Titian, he was left to devise his own artistic education.

Three other great canvases further deal with the St. Mark legend. In the first of these we see the body of the saint being carried from the square of Alexandria during a thunder storm. It is possible that Tintoretto had the Piazza San Marco in mind when he painted this scene; certainly there is a familiar look about the arcades and a local feeling about the populace

(RIGHT) "THE LAST SUPPER" OF SAN GIORGIO MAGGIORE, DETAIL (BELOW) "THE PRAYER IN THE GARDEN," FROM THE LATTER YEARS

LENT BY THE CHURCH OF SANTO STEFANO, VENICE





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fleeing for shelter from the pelting rain that recalls any sudden summer storm in Venice. Exciting atmospheric effects and a dynamic depth of perspective increase the sense of nervous tension in the hurrying group bearing off the body. In the second an extraordinary richness of invention has conceived of no less than five separate incidents, all of which have been brought into relation to each other and to the composition. Over his own foreshortened body the figure of the saint himself appears. his raised hand the center of the converging lines of the barrel vaulting which, like a glimpse down the arches of time, leads the eye into inconceivable depths. The view of fresh air and blue sea at the far end induce a sense of emotional fulfillment which we are often to find again in these works.

Similar use of perspective may be seen in The Marriage of Cana in which Christ, though a tiny figure at the end of the long table, nevertheless dominates the scene. Fruity, golden tones and a sense of well-being emanate from this hospitable board, whose faces reflect a calm and tranquil beauty. Compared with Veronese's more conventional rendition of the subject in the Accademia, the action, which here records a variety of homely details, holds greater interest. It is as if the observer had been taken into the picture and invited to participate at the feast.

In this departure from the set staging of a painting Tintoretto demonstrates another great innovation which is to be seen to an even more pronounced degree in the Last Suppers of Santo Stefano, San Polo and San

Trovaso. In all three the table is casually viewed from one corner, the Apostles are shown in informal attitudes, and there is an abundance of incident. The figures no longer pose for the artist, but, cut by the frame, permit a view into a larger world in which they wander undisturbed. Side by side with his most awe-inspiring happenings Tintoretto thus introduces some trivial detail from everyday life and, through this factual approach, maintains a sense of veracity in his paintings. This realism, generally attributed to the influence of Jacopo Bassano, marks Tintoretto as the forerunner of Caravaggio and the *genre* schools of the following century and, in spirit, makes him the most modern artist of the Renaissance.

Perhaps the most sensational rediscovery of the show is the great *Crucifixion* from the Church of San Cassiano, pictorially and dramatically unsurpassed among renditions of this subject. In the menacing architectural grouping of the crosses and the ladders, the prostrate and pitiful figure of the Virgin, the callous curiosity of the onlooking soldiery and in the unforgettable greys and silvery tones of a sky as dramatically exciting as that against which Greco saw Toledo, we have probably the master's

greatest work.

Tintoretto's magnificent women, whose length of limb and heroic proportions approach them to Michelangelo's impersonal creations, are in strong contrast to Titian's voluptuous beauties. This may be seen in Danae, a theme also treated by the latter painter and shown in the 1935 exhibition, though here Tintoretto, surprisingly, introduces a note of cynicism. The celestial shower, seen by Titian as gleaming drops, is precipitated in the Tintoretto version as a rain of gold coins which are eagerly gathered up by the attendant old woman. The Venus and Vulcan legend also undergoes summary treatment. Vulcan is shown as a suspicious old man, Venus, obviously guilty, feigns sleep and Mars, no longer a god or

(RIGHT) "PORTRAIT OF JACOPO SORANZO" DATED CA. 1551; (BELOW) THE LEGEND OF "THE CARRYING OFF OF THE BODY OF SAINT MARK"

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even the customary belligerent symbol of masculine aggressiveness, plays a positively ridiculous role hiding under the bed, at any moment threatened with discovery by the barking of the lap dog. The picture, however, suffers in no way from this realism and is a remarkably lovely one, contrasting with the rather dull and stereotyped conventional allegory, *The Moon and the Hours*.

That Tintoretto took no interest in landscape for itself is deeply to be regretted for, where it is a necessary adjunct of a picture, as in Narcissus or Adam and Eve, or where it is merely used as an element of contrast to the cruelty of man, as in Cain and Abel, he has produced some of his most delightful and poetic studies. But nature, disassociated from humanity, held little meaning for him, as may be judged from the almost childish and purely decorative rendition of the animals in The Creation, which recall Carpaccio. The sea to him is an unfriendly, stormy element whose green, wind-tormented depths make an atmospheric background in both the romantically lovely The Liberation of Arsinoë and in The Miracle of the Saracen. How magnificent is this composition—the sinking ship against the stormy sky, the despairing rowing figures, the young man so airily raised from the boat! Above all others Tintoretto excels in conveying a sense of lightness in flight. From the protecting figure that soars over The Altarpiece of Sant' Orsola to the angel pointing the way out of Limbo and, above all, to the deliciously painted Venus who circles about like a swallow in the Ducal Palace Bacchus and Ariadne—all his personages have artlessly mastered this third element.

Of the selection of portraits on view that of Jacopo Soranzo stands out for penetration of character. The others in general are good portrayals of public figures presented in their official capacity but emphatically lacking that incisive, biting quality that Titian put into his *Paul III*. One cannot help feeling that forms,

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# Chicago: Personalities in Portraiture

OST important of the summer and early autumn portrait exhibitions of the Art Institute of Chicago is that of the twenty-one canvases of the distinguished men and women who, each in his and her way, have contributed to the cultural, educational and physical growth that Chicago has undergone during the past three score and five years. This collection, which will remain on view until October 31, has never before been assembled, and many of these portraits, though painted by artists of international reputation, have never been publicly exhibited.

The scope of the showing is not merely to present as extensive as possible a survey of the last century, but on the contrary, to offer

most ardent and discerning collectors of modern painting, the galleries of the Art Institute testifying to her taste in acquiring the French Impressionists at a period when such masters as Manet, Monet and Renoir were generally ignored. These three painters were, however, well represented in her collection, which, increased by further additions by her sons, Honoré and Potter Palmer, Jr., has since been presented to the Art Institute.

Another striking canvas is Sargent's portrayal of Charles Deering. Deering, a great collector of old and modern masters, was an intimate friend of the painter's and the artist has here portrayed him with great sympathy on a small canvas against a brilliantly handled





EXHIBITED AT THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

(LEFT) "CHARLES DEERING AT BRICKELL POINT" BY SARGENT; (RIGHT) "PORTRAIT OF EDITH BLAIR" BY GIOVANNI BOLDINI

works selected primarily on the basis of artistic quality. From this standpoint that as many as twenty-one portraits of outstanding merit have been assembled is a tribute to the culture and discriminating taste of these late nineteenth and early twentieth century leaders of Chicago's society.

On entering the exhibition one of the most striking works may be seen on the south wall of the gallery. This is a magnificent full length portrait, lent by the Chicago Club, of Arthur Caton by Anders Zorn, painted with the distinction that the great Swedish master bestowed on his best canvases. Zorn had a great vogue in Chicago, dating from the time when he came to the city as Commissioner from Sweden to the World Columbian Exposition, and here he executed a number of portraits of the fashionable figures of the day. We can thus compare this work with the artist's life size Portrait of Mrs. Potter Palmer in her official capacity at the 1893 Fair, a standing figure in which the vaporous delineation of the dress contrasts with the sharp characterization of the face. The lighting is from below and the color scheme is limited to those soft golden tones that indicate a warm fire burning in the room, enhancing the animated expression of the face. There is a double interest in this portrait in that Mrs. Palmer, who died in 1918, was one of Chicago's tropical landscape, recalling some of the painter's South Sea sketches.

A typical Boldini is the delightful *Portrait of Edith Blair* in which the Parisian painter has interpreted the sitter with his customary fashionable mannerisms, executed with that technical *bravura* that is the signature of his canvases. Painted in Paris in 1902, it is a piece of spirited drawing seen in a delicate scale of greys, lavenders and pinks. On another wall is a more restrained rendition of her sister, Mrs. Howard Linn, by the English artist, Glyn Philpot, conceived in tones of soft brown, grey and black, whose dark hamonies display a kinship with the Spanish masters. The neighboring canvas is a three quarter length painting of Frederick Stock by Leopold Seyffert, lent by the Chicago Orchestral Association.

There is a commanding portrayal of William Rainey Harper, first president of the University of Chicago, by Gari Melchers, who has also painted Charles A. Hutchinson, one of the most active founders of the Institute. Louis Betts' full length canvas of Martin Ryerson is a brilliantly characterized likeness of this great and generous collector whose donations form the basis for so many departments in this institution. Other internationally known painters included in the summer showing are Jacques Emile Blanche, Sorolla, Sir William Orpen, Whistler, Leon Bonnat and Frederick Freer.

# Native Art at The Addison Gallery

RESIDENTS of New York are fully aware of the extensive and significant collections in the Whitney Museum of American Art and of the increasingly adequate representation of American art in the Metropolitan Museum. Even collectors and dealers, however, frequently overlook some of the important American museums within an easy motoring radius of the city which supplement to a considerable extent the New York museums. It is especially interesting to find one of the younger museums specializing in the American field celebrating the tenth anniversary of the foundation of its collections, with a record of development and growth which indicates still further the recognition which American art is

receiving in public collections. The Addison Gallery of American Art, at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, is placing on exhibition for the first time, in August and September, the greater proportion of its permanent collection.

The nucleus of the collections of the Addison Gallery were presented to its parent institution, Phillips Academy in 1927, by an alumnus of the school. At that time, there was no thought of an art gallery at Phillips Academy, and no courses, or in fact any active interest in art in the school. While some of the items acquired,.. and especially the extraordinary trio - Winslow Homer's Eight Bells, West Wind, and Eastern Point, were of sufficient importance and interest to attract attention in the art world, no one was aware of its ultimate significance until the announcement of the gift of the Addison Gallery in 1930 and its completion in 1931. It then became apparent that one of the most courageous adventures in the history of American collecting had been launched.

In a period of steadily rising and sometimes fantastic prices, the generous donor and his four associates on the Addison Gallery Art Committee had been willing to spend whatever was necessary to secure outstanding examples of the work of American painters. At an expenditure of over a million and a half dollars the nucleus of

a collection unsurpassed in its field had been established. In addition to the Homers already mentioned, three outstanding examples by Albert P. Ryder—Coustance, Way of the Cross, and Toilers of the Sea; two by Thomas Eakins—Salutat, and Elizabeth at the Piano; three Bellows, four Hassams; three Luks; three Sargents; six Thayers; four Twachtmans; four Weirs and distinguished examples by Washington Allston, Ralph Blakelock, George De Forest Brush, George Fuller, Homer Martin, Alexander Wyant and Benjamin West had all been acquired.

It is a source of continual surprise to one who has the privilege of a second guess ten years later that so comparatively few mistakes were made in this initial, rather breathless period of formation of the collections. In a few instances, better examples have since come to light, in others, the enthusiasm for an individual artist may have carried his representation further than his ultimate importance would justify. The Committee had a very definite slant in favor of the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the older and more conservative leaders of the early twentieth. With due allowances

for such limitations, however, this first three years of collecting must remain, ten years afterwards, as one of the most important single achievements in the history of collecting in the field of American art. For the successors of the original committee and their representatives on the administrative staff, it remained only to fill obvious gaps in the collection of paintings, and to enlarge the scope of the collection to cover a broader field, in order to insure recognition for the new Gallery as among the leaders in the American field.

This problem of enlarging the scope of the collection of the Addison Gallery has been faced during the past seven years, and within the financial limitations imposed by the depression, a satisfactory

solution is gradually being found. The generous bequest of an original member of the Art Committee, Miss L. P. Bliss, provided the nucleus for a better representation of contemporary painting, with examples by Kuhn, Davies, Prendergast and Kenneth Hayes Miller. This was followed soon after by an anonymous gift of outstanding examples of the work of Burchfield, Canada, Hopper and Speicher, and by the gradual acquisition, through purchase, of other outstanding contemporaries: Benton, Curry, Dickinson, Eilshemius, Glackens, Kane, Marin, Dickinson, Varnum Poor, Soyer and Sterne. Another fine Eakins, Portrait of Professor Henry A. Rowland, was received as a gift from Mr. Stephen C. Clark, which, with the purchase of a landscape by Doughty and the gifts of representative examples by Church, Dearth and Durand, strengthened still further the already outstanding representation of the nineteenth century.

While the Addison Gallery was originally conceived as primarily a collection of American paintings, its scope has been gradually extended until it is today in a larger sense, a museum of American art. Not only in the field of watercolors, where some recent acquisitions by contemporaries have been made, but also in that of prints and drawings, a more adequate balance is being sought. The group of drawings is of especial interest



REGINALD MARSH'S WATERCOLOR, "NEW YORK SKYSCRAPERS"

as this is a field strangely unrepresented in American collections. With the extensive loan collections of early American silver, glass and furniture from the Mabel Brady Garvan Institute at Yale University already on view, there has been less incentive at Andover for important acquisitions in this field. The permanent collection of silver has, however, several distinguished pieces, a fine tankard and the famous Sea Fox can by Paul Revere, exceptional tankards by Meyer Myers and Nicholas Roosevelt and tea pots by Myers and John Hastier. In the near future, it is planned to establish a collection of American textiles.

More recently the Addison Gallery has acquired a number of important works by contemporary artists. These include *Buck Niggers*, an oil sketch, and *New York Skyscrapers*, a watercolor by Reginald Marsh, acquired through the Rehn Gallery from the artist's recent one man exhibition at the Addison Gallery; *Industry* by Preston Dickinson, a smaller version of the picture in the Whitney Museum of American Art, acquired from the Walker Gallery, New York, and *Flowers* by Charles Demuth from the Kraushaar Gallery.

# Art of the Americas: A Texas Event

AN EXHIBIT of fine art that is put together with a flair for interesting correlation is presented this year by the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, acting as the Art Department of the Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition in Dallas, which was



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A CARVED MAYAN STONE LINTEL FROM PIEDRAS NEGRAS

opened to the public on June 12 to remain until October 31.

Director Richard Foster Howard, who assembled and is presenting this exhibit, has done a masterly piece of work. He has managed to bring new life and clever innovation to something so cut-and-dried as pictures on a wall. The moment a visitor enters the great portals of the Museum he realizes that this young scientist and psychologist has an unusual feeling for showmanship, and for the demands of the public. Before the visitor leaves, he will learn that Mr. Howard has luck on his side, too, for many surprises await him here.

He will see the fabled gold of the Incas, cast in the jungles of South America long before Columbus discovered America. He will find on display for the first time in the United States paintings by such great masters as Velasquez, Rubens and Rembrandt that have long-been lost to the world of art.

Mr. Howard does not attempt to tell in this exhibit, as the Exposition display sought to do last year, the world history of art, but he does try to present a com-

prehensive chronology of the art of the Americas. So simply and broadly is this general idea set forth that every visitor who views the collection will be able to anticipate the day when fine art will have become an integral part of the everyday life of the people.

Even a child may learn in the Dallas Museum that human civilization and culture existed on the Western hemisphere long before Columbus led the Spanish caravels across the Atlantic. Great gold idols of exquisite workmanship, and pieces of sculpture executed centuries prior to 1402, will prove it.

Students will better understand the revolt of American pioneers in art against the over-sophistication of Europe when they look upon the paintings done under the shadow of Spanish domination. These pictures show definitely that this form of art had no kinship with the more primitive exactions of life in the New World. It looks backward on an old culture, rather than forward along the lines of modern development. It thus makes all the more surprising the display of contemporary American Art, where both spirit and interpretation have been liberated.

First comes the Middle American material, presented in the spacious Hall of Sculpture. It consists of about seventy-five objects of cast gold, sculptured and incised stone, pottery and textiles. They are arranged to give an inclusive view of Middle American art. In

the display are objects from the ancient ruins of the Mayas, Aztecs, Zapotecs, and Mixtecs in Mexico and Central America, and of the Quimbayas and Incas in South America.

This material was chiefly collected from three museums: The American Museum of Natural History in New York, the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and the Department of Middle American Research of Tulane University in New Orleans. Important contributions were made also by Joseph Brummer of New York.

Almost unbelievable things are in this display. Pure gold in great sheets worked into cast idols with the fine craftsmanship of fine gold jewelry. Great stone heads, some of them blazing with color. Fantastic pottery animals in which the Zapotecs put the ashes of their dead. The mirrors, the golden ornaments, the jade necklaces of queens forgotten these many centuries.

Especially interesting is a great stone lintel representing a Maya sacrifice. It was carved with stone tools a thousand years ago by the Mayas themselves.

A model of a Mayan temple which shows how these ancient places of worship were built occupies a prominent place. Near it lies stonework taken from the actual temple, making it possible to compare

the stonework in the model with the pieces themselves.

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Second in the order of the art history of the Americas come the pictures which depict the art expression of the western world under the political domination of Spain. There are fifteen of these paintings hung in the same room with the Middle American exhibit. They were loaned from the Lamborn collection of the Pennsylvania Museum of Art. Painted in Mexico during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, they follow European traditions and definitely show the influence of Murillo.

Several of these old paintings are of an amusing character. They portray naïve attempts to convert Indians to Christianity and to adapt religious ritual to the primitive Indian's understanding. Since the Mexican of an older day could not grasp the significance of the white Gods of the Christian era, the Dieties are here portrayed as dark brown—the color of the Indian's own skin.

The surprise of the exhibition, however, is another collection of paintings consisting of a group of forty-three old

masters collected for the most part in South America by an anonymous patron of art and shown here for the first time in the United



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QUIMBAYAN REPOUSE GOLD BREASTPLATE FROM COLOMBIA

States after many years of neglect amounting to total oblivion.

All save a few were brought from the collection of the Marquis de Torreteglia, of Lima, Peru, about the year 1912. Since their arrival in America they have lain in storage which necessitated considerable cleaning and restoration. These paintings include little known works of Velasquez, Rubens and Rembrandt which have aroused considerable interest in the art world since their rediscovery.

In one or two further rooms are hung old masters collected by local patrons of art. Here may be seen the greatness of the European past, contrasting with that of the Americas, but closely related to us by culture and tradition.

A third general division of the Museum consists of two important collections of modern art. Works in the first section are by well known American and Latin American contemporary painters and were submitted by invitation only. Those in the second section were chosen from a competition open to Texas artists. To stimulate interest in this modern art division the Exposition has offered a prize of a thousand dollars which is to be awarded late in August.

The majority of pictures in the first section have been contributed by leading living artists of the United States, though Mexico is also well represented, and there are notable paintings from Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil, and Venezuela. All are oil paintings in the conventional classifications of landscape, figure, portraiture and still-

life, and together they represent a progressive and lively group of contemporary artists of the Americas. Surrealist, abstract and non-representational art has on the whole been avoided, it being considered a passing phase in no way indicative of the true artistic trend of the country.

In assembling the large exhibit of contemporary Texas painting invitations were issued to some fifteen hundred artists all of whom could claim the state either by birth or adoption. Due to certain strict requirements for shipping about seven hundred of these artists responded and from this number a jury of outstanding convoisseurs of art selected one hundred and thirtynine paintings and miscellaneous works. Sixty-three of these are oils with an equal number of watercolors, prints and drawings. Seven pieces of sculpture are likewise on exhibition.

The jury for the Texas competition was composed of Donald J. Bear, director of the Denver Museum of Art, Xavier Gonzales of Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans, and Frederick Browne, instructor in painting at Rice University, Houston.

Pictures and sculpture chosen by this jury may certainly be considered the best

and most representative Texas art available at the present day. The Texas collection is not without its elements of surprise, as



EXHIBITED AT THE DALLAS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
"IN OKLAHOMA" BY THE TEXAS ARTIST WILLIAM LESTER



LENT BY THE FERARGIL GALLERIES
'RAIN ON THE RESERVATION" PAINTED BY MARTIN GAMBEE

several names entirely new to the public are to be found among the exhibitors while a few of the better known artists are missing. All,

however, tend to present regional material which makes for greater interest to Texans and outsiders alike. Each section seems to have its specialty. For the outsider the true significance of the exhibition comes from being able to judge the work of Texans by contemporary national and international standards.

Dallas has been found strongest in oil painting and sculpture while South Texas show preference for watercolor and Denton is best represented by decorative still-lifes, watercolors and drawings. From West Texas there is but a scant showing, although this picturesque section should produce some of the best regional art of the state.

While engaged in assembling the Exposition exhibit Mr. Howard conceived the idea of obtaining permission from the Metropolitan Museum to display one of the most notable of all American paintings, the great canvas by Manuel Leutze of Washington Crossing the Delaware. The size of the canvas, however, involved difficulties of transportation which eventually resulted in the abandonment of the project. However, about this time there was discovered the original color study from

which the larger canvas was made. The Metropolitan painting measures roughly fourteen by twenty-two feet while the study is about a third as large and proved suitable for the exhibition.

Leutze had the first big picture on this subject nearly completed when his studio caught fire. He saved the study, but the large painting was damaged by flames. The company insuring the studio paid for the big painting, and later sold it at auction in Germany. Leutze then set about to make another full-size painting for America, using the study currently on display at the Dallas Museum.

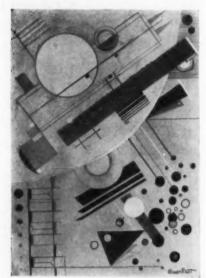
A final word should be said for the handsome new museum building which is to be known as the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

There follows a complete list of lenders to the exhibition: The American Museum of Natural History, Mr. Thomas Hart Benton, The Boyer Galleries, The Brummer Gallery, The Downtown Gallery, The Fort Worth Museum of Art, The Ferargil Galleries, Mr. Ernest Fiene, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. deGrummond, The Government of Guatemala, The Grace Horne Galleries, Miss Dale Heard, Mr. R. Vernon Hunter, C. W. Kraushaar, Mr. Ward Lockwood, Mr. John Lyman, The Julien Levy Gallery, The Macbeth Gallery, The Midtown Gallery, The Milch Galleries, Mr. J. P. Minton, Mr. Joseph Meert, The Montross Gallery, The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, The Pennsylvania Museum of Art, Frank K. M. Rehn, Mrs. Alma Reed, The Reinhardt Galleries, Mrs. Virge Steger, Mr. Frederick Shane, Tulane University, Department of Middle-American Research, The University Museum, University of Pennsylvania.



LENT BY FRANK K. M. REHN
"MARY R." EUGENE SPEICHER'S RECENT NUDE

## GUGGENHEIM'S MODERN ART FOUNDATION



STUDY BY RUDOLF BAUER, 1925

EVEN in a year which can record such signal examples of generosity on the part of public-spirited citizens as those set by Andrew Mellon, Jules Bache and Samuel Kress, the news of the recent creation of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, as announced on June 25, is of a nature to arouse the greatest admiration and interest in this new milestone of American educational and artistic endeavor.

The family's name is one familiar in the annals of American art for the Scholarships for Advanced Study Abroad created in 1925



BY OTTO NEBEL. 1934



LEGER: "FUGUE COMPOSITION"



REBAY: "IMPROVISATION" 1922

by Simon Guggenheim, brother of the present donor, the splendid results of which have made themselves felt in the past twelve years. In the same spirit Solomon Guggenheim, who is already known for his famous and extensively exhibited collection of non-objective art, has herewith made a magnificent gift for the purpose of specializing and cultivating native talent while at the same time stimulating the artistic interest and appreciation of the public.

The Charter of the Foundation provides for "the promotion of art and for the mental or moral improvement of men and women by furthering their education, enlightenment and aesthetic taste, and by developing the understanding and appreciation of art by the public," and Mr. Guggenheim himself writes: "I am convinced that an interest in and understanding of art and the development of aesthetic standards are important factors in the education of the people and in their enjoyment of life. I desire to encourage the development of the aesthetic sense of our people."

In this spirit has the organization been set up. The practical details and the judicious application of these funds has been assigned to a Board of Trustees, of which Mr. Guggenheim is himself a member, and who are vested with ample powers for the establishment of scholarships and professorships, the supplementing with adequate funds of existing art movements, the creation and maintenance of museums and the acquisition of works of art. These activi-



PABLO PICASSO: "COMPOSITION"



VASSILY KANDINSKI: A STUDY



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TION," OIL ON WOOD

BY BEN NICOLSON



WATERCOLOR BY KANDINSKI,

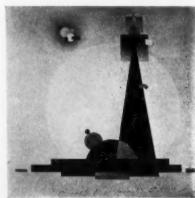


"LIGHT CIRCLE" BY BAUER, 1936

ties are to be in no way localized in either New York or any other Eastern center, the movement being a national one and intended to extend above all to those areas where the need is greatest.

In addition to this fund the Solomon Guggenheim Collection of Non-Objective Art, which is the foremost of its kind in the country, has also been donated and, when further plans can be made, will be suitably exhibited to the public. It should be noted, however, that the scope of the Foundation is in no way limited to this one phase of modern art but that it will in every sense pursue a broad and open-minded policy.

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RUDOLF BAUER: "RED POINT"

# New Exhibitions of the Month

#### Peirce, An Outstanding American Artist

ONE of the most important one man shows that has been seen in New York for many moons is that of Waldo Peirce, now

current at the Midtown Galleries. It is regrettable that this excellent display should come so early in the season that many are destined to miss it; Peirce's paintings are, however, going on a protracted tour of the country where it may be hoped that they will inspire our ever-present crop of young American talent to turn from their political sermons and aggressive nationalism towards a healthier enjoyment of painting for itself, and a love of life which is not dependent on popular formulas.

Peirce's exuberance has been amply commented on; what is even more striking is his complete technical proficiency which enables him in one of his most animated scenes to produce, apparently effortlessly, those vibrating harmonies of tone that are generally confined to stiff studio studies only. Thus *Haircut by the Sea* has narrative interest, a magnificently flowing, almost sculptural, composition together with the glowing flesh tones that recall the greatest of modern masters, Renoir.

Peirce's is the intense quality of experience that enables him, without sentimentality, to invest a public ceremony with all the dignity that it probably lacked. His elephants in *Circus at Night* are as mysterious as if glimpsed by moonlight on the African Bush, his study of daisies and clover has all the scent of summer

fields, and his watercolor, Bulls at Pamplona with its fierce little black figures, the pulse-quickening rhythm of Spanish music. R. F.

### Recognized Painters in a Varied Showing

THE Boyer Galleries, with a showing of their already familiar group of artists, offer a between-seasons exhibition of remarkably high quality. Here is John McCrady's Swing Low Sweet Chariot which already promises fair to become one of America's popular pictures. Actually, aside from its more obvious literary appeal, it is a striking piece of work; neither the humorous treatment of the dusky heavenly company and the consternation they arouse in the baying hounds, the ghostly light on the architectural cloud masses nor the Model T Ford bathed in supernatural radiance account for the fascination of this picture. Rather it is the artist's feeling for the desolation and poverty of a backward country whose

people must warm their hearts with such glittering fairy tales which makes this McGrady's most important picture.

For pure poetical enjoyment of painting Eilshemius' *Diana* and *By a Waterfall* dominate the show. The latter in particular is un-



EXHIBITED AT THE MIDTOWN GALLERIES

"MAINE TROTTING RACE," A RECENT EXAMPLE OF WALDO PEIRCE'S WORK

surpassed among modern landscapes; it has the intuitive directness of a Cézanne with something of the quiet lyricism of Gainsborough's pastoral scenes. As always in Eilshemius' painting, his slight, childish figures emphasize the idyllic quality of woods, cliffs and fields—a dream-like world of delicate tones and lights.

Andrew Dasburg shows a modern version of a favorite nineteenth century theme. Three dead ducks, no longer apologized for by a fowling piece and other stage properties, are treated for their own qualities of form against a background of cross-hatched strokes of color that has the gaiety of an Indian blanket. A further and welcome incursion by Gorki into the realms of reality in his Washington Square, South. Emlen Etting shows some windy White Tulips and a Sunday Morning view of a deserted garden alley whose statues have apparently been caught out after the night before. Very striking are two works by Herman Maril, Work Boat and In the Kitchen, the latter solid and satisfying in its definite statement of essentials.

#### Here and There in the Galleries

BOB BROWN, whose watercolors hang at the Hudson D. Walker Gallery, announces himself as being "wholly of the Midwest," and his works, which proclaim a thorough knowledge of his medium, show a determination to glorify the Minnesota landscape by the abundant use of color and movement. While these two qualities are arresting in the individual picture, they nevertheless detract from the show as a whole and it is with relief that one turns to such a painting as Yellow Cat, a fine rendition of tumbled down houses which do not spring out of their frame. Brown's evident talent is shown, however, in a convincing study of workmen, Black Toppers, while a more imaginative note is struck in a painting of a group of smoke stacks, standing like lonely forest trees against a snowy background.

UNDER the unassuming title of "Watercolors and Drawings by American Artists" the Walker Galleries have assembled a show of surprising interest.

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EXHIBITED AT THE BOYER GALLERIES
"DIANA," EILSHEMIUS IDYLLIC RENDITION OF THE CLASSICAL LEGEND

## ART THROUGHOUT AMERICA

#### Andrew Mellon, Greatest American Art Patron

WITH the death of Andrew Mellon on August 26 last America has lost not only one of her foremost public figures but one of her greatest benefactors. It will remain for future generations to appreciate the true magnitude of Mr. Mellon's gift to the nation in the form of his unparalleled art collection which, as the nucleus of a National Gallery, is bound to play so preponderant a role in forming the artistic tastes and traditions of the country. If insufficiently acclaimed in his day for this act of self-effacing generosity, the name of the founder, though purposely withheld from the institution, will

go down among those of our great Americans and Mr. Mellon's most worthy memorial will be the growth of artistic appreciation in this country whose standards of excellence have been set by the magnificent array of works so discriminatingly assembled during the generous donor's lifetime.

#### San Francisco: A Cezanne Show

AN EXHIBITION of the work of Paul Cézanne at the San Francisco Museum of Art brings for the first time to the West coast public a more than adequate representation of this master of modern painting. Included are thirtyseven oils, fifteen watercolors, twenty-five drawings and twelve prints, carefully selected to trace the development of Cézanne's art from his student days in 1860 to the year of his death in 1906. Most of the examples are, however, from the period of Cézanne's artistic maturity when he was patiently working out his problems of form, though the two early stages when he was still under academic influence and when he was learning the lessons of the Impressionists, are also represented by some extremely important works. The

showing is thus an unusually complete and instructive one. The examples have been most generously lent from collections in both Europe and America. Some have never before been on public view; many are shown here in America for the first time. Foreign lenders include the Albertina Collection in Vienna, the Galerie Pierre, Dr. G. Schweitzer, Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill, Mr. Justin Thannhauser, Mr. John Rewald and Mr. A. Chappuis. Nearly all of the American collectors, museums and galleries possessing Cézannes have likewise lent their finest examples for this exhibition.

#### Toledo: Acquisition of a Daumier Painting

A DAUMIER painting, Children Under a Tree, is one of the latest acquisitions of the Toledo Museum of Art, and a notable addition to its collection of modern French work. The gift of the Museum's founder, Edward Drummond Libbey, it was secured from M. Knoedler and Co. in New York.

Children Under a Tree, a study of four young people who form a group in the shade of a large tree, lacks the social implication of some of Daumier's works. The somber tones of this canvas contrast with the Impressionist paintings which are exhibited in the same

gallery of the Museum. For a varied and colorful palette Daumier substituted chiaroscuro, which he employed in a way that lends drama to his paintings and a sculptural effect to his figures. In this conception of form he has been cited as a follower of Michelangelo,

A striking center of interest in the dark foreground of the canvas is formed by the brilliant white of a small book lying in the lap of the oldest girl of the group. In the background are traces of sunlight on the grass and in the silvery sky, the brushwork being broader here than in the rest of the canvas. Against this are massed the olive green branches of the tree.

Honoré Daumier has long been recognized as one of the most

competent and scathing caricaturists of the nineteenth century. Only of late has he been acclaimed as one of France's most eminent painters of the last century, and one of the fathers of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism as well. Ironically enough, Daumier drew caricatures for Paris newspapers most of his life, but he thought of himself as a painter in his later years and numbered among his friends, who were many, such masters as Corot. Courbet, and Delacroix.

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LENT BY MR. A. CHAPPIUS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF ART CEZANNE: A PENCIL DRAWING, "PORTRAIT OF MADAME CEZANNE"

#### Portland: A Cornelis de Vos

THE Portland Art Mu-THE rolling important seum's most important recent acquisition is a fine lifesized panel entitled Woman and Child by the Flemish master Cornelis de Vos. This important work of the first half of the seventeenth century is the gift of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Painted in oil on a wood panel 425/8 inches high by 331/4 inches wide, it is enclosed in a massive carved gilt frame wholly in keeping with the period of the picture.

The facts about the life of de Vos are fragmentary considering his importance as an artist. Little research has been done concerning him, and

his works have never been chronologically arranged. He was born at Hulst in 1585, his master was the little-known David Remeeus, he became master of the Guild of St. Luke in Antwerp in 1608, was Dean of the Guild in 1619-20 and died in 1651. He is supposed to have worked with Rubens for a time, and certainly shows in his earlier work a fondness for the great master's florid coloring and sumptuous accessories. In his types, however, he reflects the sedate Antonio Moro rather than the robust Rubens. The style of de Vos undergoes a considerable change about 1630. This was due to his friendship with Van Dyck from 1627 to 1632, the years between the latter's second visit to Italy and his leaving for the court of Charles I of England. Under Van Dyck's influence his color becomes more subdued and his types more elegant. In spite of this change he never loses his own quiet, rather stolid manner. He treats his sitters with sympathy and kindly understanding, and, notwithstanding elaborate costume and setting, shows them to be people of simple and human character. Again the influence of Rubens and Van Dyck is responsible for this fondness of elegant attire—an environment not altogether suitable to such unassuming people.

The Museum's new portrait shows something of Rubens' high color in the faces and even more so in the hands. The red drapery in

the background and the gold brocaded dress front and large ruff all indicate the grand manner. The placid dignity of the woman is, however, much more in keeping with the style of Van Dyck. The play of affection between the mother and the little girl and the obvious shyness of the child impart to the picture a human quality free of all pomp or affectation, which is characteristic of de Vos and not often encountered in the work of his better-known contemporaries, Van Dyck and Rubens.

The Woman and Child was in all probability painted between 1620 and 1625. Although the figure of the woman is fairly wooden, the general character of the picture exhibits greater freedom than is shown in his works of about 1620. On the other hand the ruff, which lasted longer in the low countries than elsewhere, was seldom worn in Antwerp after 1625, when the tight manner of wearing the hair gave way to a looser coiffure at about this time.

#### Minneapolis: Gift of German Ceramics

TWENTY - FIVE eighteenth century German tankards and two dishes called by the French "fool the eye" dishes, all of high quality and of a type that is seldom seen in this country have been given to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts by Mrs. Ridgely Hunt of Washington, D. C.

The "fool the eye" dishes are a curious phenomenon of mid-eighteenth century German ceramic art. They are dishes made in the form of vegetables and meats served at table. The cabbage was intended to be served in the dish which looks like a cabbage. The dish which looks like a boar's head was intended to contain one of those savory concoctions of wild boar's meat, dear to the hearts of hunters in France and Germany.

These dishes are life size, perhaps even a little larger, and are painted to simulate the color and texture of the thing imitated. The half-hearted intention is to fool the eye and help to sophisticate the formal dinner. Obviously such dishes fool no one; but they do add to the appearance of the table and give the pot-

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ter an opportunity to show his skill in these facsimiles of nature. The dishes in Mrs. Hunt's gift to the Institute are an unusual form of ceramic art. The steins or tankards are more familiar. They represent a high point in faience work when the competition of newly developed porcelains was requiring the best efforts of faience artists to maintain markets. They all have pewter lids, and about half have pewter bases also. They are frankly of so-called peasant nature but they achieve peasant *quality*. By this is meant that they were not intended for an aristocratic use or a bourgeois imitation of aristocratic use, that they are honest craftlike products intended to be used and enjoyed. Their dates range from about 1740 to 1807 and their decoration was freely borrowed from any source that appealed to the maker's fancy.

A sturdy silhouette, competent proportions of the pewter work, and gay exuberance of the under-glaze decorations distinguish these pieces. The colors are lively but harmonious and combine mauve, mustard, blue-green, brown, black, and yellow in unaffected spirit. Some of the designs are naturalistic and geometric while others include vignetted scenes.

The pewter thumb knobs offer a good point for comparison. Together all twenty-five of these tankards (stein is a later word used mostly in reference to earthenware drinking vessels) make a jolly company and attest the craft skill of German ceramists. Their good condition as well as their choice period aid greatly in building up the Institute's ceramic collection.

#### Washington: A Museum of Modern Art

THE extension to other cities of the activities of the Museum of Modern Art of New York will continue this year with the opening in November of the Museum of Modern Art Gallery of Washington, D. C.

Over a period of years, out-of-town committees of the Museum of Modern Art have been organized in various eastern cities. In 1935, a new step was taken with the consolidation of the Cambridge and Boston committees and the organization of the Museum of Modern

Art in Boston which, though having no permanent gallery of its own, last year sponsored the presentation of three exhibitions of contemporary art. Plans for the Washington

Plans for the Washington Gallery, which were formulated with the Museum of Modern Art last spring by Mrs. Dwight Davis and Mrs. George Garrett, include provision for a permanent location for exhibition rooms, and work is already under way toward the redecoration of a handsome gallery at the corner of Seventeenth and H Streets N.W.

Exhibitions presented by the Washington Gallery will not be confined to exhibitions circulated by the New York Museum, but all paintings included in the exhibitions organized by the Washington committee will be subject to the approval of the Directors and Trustees of the Museum of Modern Art in New York,

The opening of the new Museum in Washington will take place about November 15 with the exhibition of a group of paintings by Cézanne, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Renoir and Seurat. Among the important pictures to be included are — Renoir's Au Moulin de la Galette, belonging to Mr. John Hay Whitney, which has been hanging this summer in the Renoir

TO THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS A RUSTIC PEASANT TYPE DATED 1742

PRESENTED BY MRS. RIDGELY HUNT TO THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS GERMAN FAIENCE TANKARD OF A RUSTIC PEASANT TYPE, DATED 1742

show at the Metropolitan; Seurat's *The Side Show* and Van Gogh's *The Night Café* both from the collection of Mr. Stephen C. Clark; Van Gogh's *Sunset Over a Ploughed Field*, lent by Mr. J. R. Oppenheimer; Gauguin's *Tahitian Landscape*, lent by Mr. Conger Goodyear; Cézanne's *Femme Accoudée*, lent by Dr. Harry Bakwin and a group of important Cézannes from the Bliss collection of the Museum of Modern Art.

#### Cincinnati: Important Prints in a Loan Show

DURING the past summer the Cincinnati Art Museum has been the scene of an important loan exhibition of prints ranging in date from the fifteenth to the eighteenth century. These black and white works, which have been lent from the collection of Mr. Edwin A. Seasongoos, include woodcuts, engravings and etchings by German, Dutch and Italian artists, with many rare and unusual examples numbering among them. Of special note is the engraving Lost Labor by Israhel Van Meckenem, many other examples of whose work are included in the Seasongoos Collection. Lost Labor, however, is a unique print not described by Bartsch and known only to Lehrs in this one example. The latter authority believes it to be

an early work of the Flemish artist.

Likewise on view in the Print Galleries are a selection of fine impressions of Piranese's Views of Rome. The gigantic etched plates from which these are taken, in addition to their artistic value, are particularly absorbing to students of history and architecture. Among the many famous landmarks the views of the Forum, as it appeared in the eighteenth century are of special interest.

#### Dayton: a Kaigetsudo

THROUGH the generosity of Mrs. Harrie Gardner Carnell the permanent collection of the Dayton Art Institute has been enriched by the acquisition of a Bijin (Lovely Lady) portrait by Kaigetsudo, the famous Japanese painter.

Kaigetsudo was one of the originators of the Ukiyoye School of painting started in the early Tokugawa period. This was the school which best reflected the life of Japan, and Kaigetsudo was one of its most illustrious painters. Prints of his are rare, but one of his paintings is much rarer, and up until this time to our knowledge the Boston Museum was the only American museum possessing one of them.

The authenticity of this Bijin por-

trait has been endorsed by the reputable scholar Teru Akiyama of the Imperial Museum, Uyeno, Tokyo and other authorities as a fine



LENT BY MR, EDWIN A. SEASONGOOS TO THE CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM "LOST LABOR" AN ENGRAVING BY VAN MECKENEM

example of Bijin portrait by Kaigetsudo. It is from the Matsuda collection.

#### Woodstock: Bolton Brown

PERHAPS the foremost lithographer that America has produced was one of the original members of the Woodstock Art Colony, Bolton Brown, who, together with Ralph Radcliffe - Whitehead and Hervey White, founded this now famous group. The success of the Woodstock venture is too well known to need recording. This colony not only attracted serious artists from the entire countryside but has established an outstanding name for itself in the world of art. Thus the memorial exhibition of the lithographs of Bolton Brown, at the Woodstock Art Gallery is interesting not only for the high quality of the work on view, but also for its manifold associations.

Brown is notable above all for a technical proficiency which is the result of profound and exhaustive experiment in this generally neglected field. He originated a number of new methods and processes, and these findings, recorded in his several volumes on the subject, are an important contribution to art literature. Among the works on view a night study, *The* 

Crooked Tree and a magnificently executed Sugar Maple effectively demonstrate his supremacy in this chosen medium, lithography.

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A RECORDED Michelangelo drawing whose whereabouts were for many years unknown, has recently come to light in London. This work, executed in black chalk on thin, backed Florentine paper, bears in one corner initials which establish it as having been in the collection of Sir Peter Lely. It was mentioned in Brian Fairfax's account of the sale of these works, and its reappearance is consequently of considerable interest. The drawing is apparently a study for the upper portion of the Sistine Chapel Last Judgment. That it antedated this work and was not merely executed after it may be judged by the total nudity of the figures which, in the case of the Sistine fresco, incurred the disapproval of Vatican authorities who required of Michelangelo the addition of the draperies which are absent in the drawing. This work has been favorably compared with other well known drawings of the master.

A MONG the summer shows that have attracted attention may be mentioned that at the Redfern Gallery which includes a variety of works by well known artists. Sickert's Jenny and his Mornington Crescent hold the visitor's interest as does Duncan Grant's Dablias. Christopher Wood's imaginative The Dancers is a charming example by this gifted artist, while Augustus John's White Rhododendrons has the directness and lack of mannerisms that go with real accomplishment.

French paintings at the Leger Gallery contrast with their British neighbors. In particular Asselin's *Daffodils and Tulips* is remarkably solid and avoids the sprightly banality of the conventional flower piece. Albert Marquet's *Lausanne*, which relies for its effect on a swift and transient mood, has been deftly executed to catch effects of color and light. Works by Stanley Spencer, Harold Gilman and Ethel Walker are likewise to be seen here.

The show at the Royal Institute Galleries, though large and varied, presents paintings conforming to a general type which is one of mediocre artistic value. An atmosphere of restraint may be sensed in agreeable pastoral and river scenes which, though arousing pleasant associations, offer but limited interest.

ONE of the important recent accessions of the Victoria and Albert Museum is a Byzantine gem of extreme rarity representing Christ on the Cross. Executed in cameo and jasper, this piece is one of the finest known examples of its kind and probably dates from between the tenth and twelfth centuries. To the Department of Textiles have come a highly decorative Swiss fifteenth century tapestry representing Wild Men of the Woods surrounded by grotesque monsters, and a seventeenth century embroidery of birds notable for its skillful workmanship as well as for an accurate portrayal of ornithological types. An eighteenth century Nymphenburg madonna, a fine clock by Ahasuerus Fromanteel and a selection of Adam furniture are likewise outstanding among the season's accessions.

S OME notable wall paintings depicting Passion scenes dating in all probability from the late thirteenth century have recently been uncovered in the Galilee Chapel of Durham Cathedral. Though identification of the individual figures is in many cases difficult, a St. Andrew is recognizable as well as a St. Peter, while a fine Crucifixion contains beautiful representations of the Virgin and St. John. Extreme simplicity characterizes these figures which are rendered on a plain cream colored ground, each surmounted by a trefoiled arch painted black. On the east wall over the altar recess, surrounded by a circle, is a *Coronation of the Virgin* accompanied by the kneeling figure of a bishop. Some believe this to be a portrait of the donor of the paintings.

A REVIEW of the past auction season discloses an encouraging upswing in painting prices. During the last few months no less than twenty-five works brought over £2,000 each, thus making the highest total since 1930. The scarcity of first class Italian and English paintings was made up for by a continued demand for Dutch and Flemish seventeenth century masters, Pieter de Hooch and Hobbema having been the two outstanding names of the season. Most sensational were the five Boucher panels which, during June, were sold for 22,000 guineas at Christie's. Gainsborough's Woodland Landscape likewise outdid expectations when it brought 3,000 guineas at these same galleries.

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# The Art News of Paris

FROM the magnificent collection of Edmond de Rothschild, which is destined for the Louvre, a selection of Rembrandt etchings have been chosen and are now placed on display at the Orangerie. Concurrently with the Exposition, these will remain on view until late in the Autumn. Due to limitation of space only a portion of Rembrandt's black and white work can be shown here; these are, however, all rare states of famous subjects, pointing to the remarkable connoisseurship which went into the formation of the collection. A chronological order has been maintained throughout, enabling the visitor to trace with more than usual clearness the master's development from the precise style of his early portraits executed on a white ground to the masterly, atmospheric impressions of the latter years, while a distinguished provenance adds to the interest of these works. Rembrandt drawings from the same collection are also on

VER one hundred Rubens sketches, borrowed from important collections the world over, have been placed on exhibition at the Brussels Museum. These small works are remarkable not only for their esthetic value; but for their unquestionable authenticity. Comparing them with the large canvases for which they served as models and which were only too often executed by pupils and collaborators, they are perhaps the most genuine indication we have of the master's true style and its evolution over the forty odd years represented. Rubens' striking sense of plastic form and the remarkable virtuosity of a hand that never corrected or faltered may be seen in these sketches. Many of them, which served as samples for prospective commissions, are to be seen in three states: a preliminary working out of composition in grisaille, an oil sketch and a third version which is carried out with greater detail. Here, among others, are the series of decorations for the church of St. Charles Borromeo at Antwerp, another commemorating the solemn entry of the Cardinal Infante Ferdinand into this city, the decoration for the Whitehall banqueting room and those of the Torre de la Parada with their magnificent foreshortening tours de force.

SOURCES and origins of French painting may be seen at the Bibliothèque Nationale where a magnificent show of illuminated manuscripts covering the period between the eighth and the eighteenth centuries is on view. These works, recruited from the Galerie Mazarine and the Arsenal as well as the library's own collection, form a sequence extending from the Carolingian illuminators of the eighth and tenth centuries through the schools of the Rhine and Loire, the regional groups known under the name of towns such as Chartres, Auxerre, Limoges, etc., winding up with the apogee of the illuminator's art, the works of Jean Foucquet and Bourdichon. This remarkable continuity of the miniaturist's tradition, extending to both secular and religious subjects over the space of eight hundred years, is peculiar to France alone. Not only missals and books of hours but historical works, the Classics and the entire literature of the day including Christine de Pisan. Boccaccio and Guillaume de Marchaut have thus been illustrated. The freshness emanating from these venerable pages is a constant source of wonder and delight, while glowing colors, naturalness of expression and spirituality of conception are in sharp contrast to the art of our

A CENTURY of Parisian Dress" is the title of a show which has been organized with great taste at the Musée Galliéra. Not only the costumes themselves but paintings illustrative of different modes and periods call attention to the supremacy of Paris in these two arts. The formal cutaway of the mid-nineteenth century accompanies some delightful Ingres drawings, the crinolines of the Third Empire are celebrated by Winterhalter pastels while Carolus Duran and Constantin Guys reconstitute for us the rustling glamor of the fin de siécle.

THROUGH the medium of the Societé des Beaux-Arts of Zurich A an exhibition of some three hundred nineteenth century drawings has recently opened at the Kunsthaus. These works, which have been selected and are exhibited with remarkable taste and discrimination, cover the history of painting from David to Millet. Ingres, Delacroix, Daumier, Meissonier and Prudhon are a few of the names included in this unusually interesting show,

#### The Splendor of Tintoretto in Venice

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not faces, were Tintoretto's medium of expression and that any painstaking delineation of features must have irked him.

The Presentation of Mary at the Temple numbers among the truly great paintings in the show. A remarkable pyramidal composition is further enhanced by the magnificent curving line of the steps which the tiny figure of the Virgin ascends. For all her smallness, however, Tintoretto calls attention to her through one of his favorite devices by which the other mother at the foot of the stairs points her out to her own daughter. This woman is among the finest examples of that calm, heroic type of which Tintoretto is the creator. With a noble gesture she directs the gaze of the child towards the ideal of womanhood. Rich, soft reds and purples shine against the creamy and silvery tones which are further set off by the Oriental splendor of the gold arabesque decoration on the steps. The whole effect is one of overpowering richness and magnificence.

Among the great religious pictures from Tintoretto's latter years is an extraordinary, mystic conception of *The Prayer in the Garden*. Here the figure of Christ is spent with weariness, while the angel offering the cup is also the bearer of light, which gleams with ghostly radiance on leaves and branches. The canvas is an amazing series of dark tones, none of which are actually black, punctuated with splinters of light. Through all this chiaroscuro there is a transparency, the very quality of night, which has almost never been surpassed. Every portion of the picture is alive with strange phosphorescence.

Of the four Last Suppers in the exhibition the most remarkable is that from the Church of San Giorgio Maggiore, in which light effects have been carried to their utmost limit. While losing none of their values, the objects and personages in the scene are entirely submerged in the radiance, here depicted as actual rays, streaming from the flaming lamp overhead. Christ, at the far end of the table, has an aura of even greater brilliance, and circling around him are seraphim—true creatures of air and fire. In spite of this supernatural atmosphere the everyday action goes on, with an admirable little still-life glimpsed among the bottles and fruit on the table, a genre scene in the right hand half of the canvas and a bewildered serving maid, dazzled by so much glory, in the background. Purely as a tour de force this picture has certainly never been surpassed.

No less impressive than this assemblage is what has been referred to as Venice's "permanent one man show," the paintings of the Scuola San Rocco. Of these only one, *The Visitation*, has been transferred from an almost inaccessible position to the Ca' Pesaro. The others stand as they were originally painted and, now, illuminated by powerful lights, reveal anew the wonders of Tintoretto's brush.

The irregular forms of the panels of the ceiling have here afforded the painter a supreme occasion for demonstrating the entire scale of his dynamic, emotional and technical repertoire. Here the vast orchestration of flying figures, foreshortened limbs, rolling clouds and superhuman personages becomes almost overpowering, as in the somewhat theatrical Moses Striking the Rock. Unforgettable, however, is the great Crucifixion, with its dominating central figure from which radiates one of the most grandiose compositions that has ever been put on canvas. Unforgettable, too, the beautiful Nativity with its architectural division of the picture into upper and lower halves, the glory of the angels who peer through the broken roof, the twists of light gleaming on the golden straw of the loft. Extraordinarily modern night effects are in the panels, St. Mary of Egypt and St. Mary Magdalene, both miracles of evocative, lyrical poetry.

But the vastness of the show renders impossible any complete description. There remains only to praise the herculean accomplishment of the Italian authorities who have given this new view of the master to the world.

#### Guggenheim's Modern Art Foundation

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Mr. Guggenheim has expressed himself as having the utmost faith in America's artistic future. He feels that, with time, there can be developed on our own soil a tradition in every way equal to the great European schools and that, by placing within the reach of all every facility for study in this country, rather than in Europe, the accomplishment of this end may be accelerated. The Foundation, the expression of this faith, will fulfill a long felt need and for this Mr. Guggenheim deserves the gratitude not only of art connoisseurs but of the entire American people.



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#### Budge Collection: Paintings and Decorations

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This collection, which until now has been known to a few connoisseurs only, is one of the most extensive and valuable in Germany, many of the objects to be sold being of international importance.

The catalogue, which has been prepared by officials of the Berlin Schloss Museum, offers a selection of important paintings among which are works of Nattier, Corot, Largillière, Greuze, Hoppner, Lawrence and Raeburn. A group of seventeenth century Netherlands masters includes the best known names of this period.

Italian, French and German Renaissance bronzes, ivory and wood carvings lead over to the magnificent collection of Renaissance and Baroque silver, among which are to be found some unique pieces and many others of a quality that has not been seen on the German auction market for the last decade. Furniture, miniatures, medals, faience, majolica and rare Meissen, Nymphenburg and Frankenthal porcelains make a well rounded display. Of particular interest are the textiles, vestments and tapestries, eighteen of the latter being from the most famous Flemish and French looms.

#### Van Heukelom Collection of Modern Paintings

PAINTINGS and watercolors by French and Dutch masters of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries from the valuable collection of the late W. F. van Heukelom of Amsterdam will be dispersed at public auction at the galleries of Frederik Muller & Com-



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pany in Amsterdam on October 12 following exhibition from October 9.

Among the Dutch nineteenth century paintings, representative of the finest work of this period, are a selection of landscapes by Willem Maris and a series of *genre* scenes by the other Maris brothers. Among the six examples by the two Israels, Jozef may be seen at his best in one of his outstanding works, *Une Heure Reposante*, so characteristic of this school. Equally important are a number of church interiors by J. Bosboom, works by Breitner and Weissenbruch and a charming Jongkind, *Moulin au Bord de l'Eau*. Jean François Millet, Monticelli, Mancini and Alma Tadema represent foreign schools.

#### Stroefer Seventeenth Century Dutch Masters

SEVENTEENTH century Dutch and Netherlands masters from the important collection of Theo. Stroefer of Nürnberg will be sold at public auction at the galleries of Julius Boehler in Munich during the second half of October.

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Outstanding are a Portrait of a Youth by Frans Hals, a Portrait of Isabella Brant by Rubens, a very fine and typical peasant scene from von Brouwer's middle period, two much reproduced landscapes by Ruisdael and an Epiphany by Jan Steen, formerly in the Febure



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Collection. Landscapes are by van Goyen, Teniers and Younger Everdingen and others, while the collection also offers genre scenes from the hand of the two van Ostades and Pieter Breughel the Younger. Such names as Jan Breughel, Jan Fyt, Snyders and Verbruggen attest to the high quality of the still-lifes.

#### New Exhibitions of the Month

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No less than John Steuart Curry, Grant Wood, George Grosz and Joe Jones, to mention a few of the names, are here showing important examples in these minor mediums. The latter offers a poignantly convincing Squatter's Children, while of Wood there is a brilliantly executed Return from Bohemia in which he has evolved new surface textures by means of a curious technique of cross-hatched pastel and pencil, giving the ponderous heads of his business-like artists an almost photographic solidity. Hobson Pittman, in Moonlight Interior, once again experiments with conflicting outdoor and indoor light effects and James Turnbull conveys the iridescent colors of marsh water in Bottom Land.

N EXHIBITION of old masters covering six centuries at Neu-A mann's New Art Circle brings a number of interesting works before the public. Here a series of Dutch early sixteenth century panels have a narrative interest which makes them very charming. Among these Jan Mandijn's Temptation of St. Anthony, in the Heironymus Bosch tradition, shows a world peopled with devils, goblins and monsters painted in the clear, transparent glazes of this school. Very lovely is a Salvator Rosa Roman Landscape, whose misty greens and blues are offset by romantic figures in the foreground. Francisco's Zurburan's Martyr, sinister in conception, shows the fine painting in thick tones of white that is to be found in his best work.

LARGE collection of the paintings of Revington Arthur at the A Montross Gallery justify the expectations that his hitherto singly exhibited canvases have aroused. Arthur's brilliant color escapes garishness by a distinguished interrelationship of tones. His ability to create a portrait which is more than a model stuck on a canvas with a few stage properties is to be highly commended, as is his selection of which details to emphasize and which to suppress. But not only his portraits are fine pieces of decoration; he also has mastered the art of presenting a stiff, brilliantly colored bunch of flowers in a vase and making an interesting picture. Having successfully surmounted these two stumbling blocks, much can be looked for in this young artist's future.

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Argent Galleries, 42 W. 57th St. Paintings and Sculpture, Sept. 20 to Oct. 2. Babcock Gallery, 38 E. 57th St. Paintings by American Artists, to Oct. 9. Boyer Galleries, 69 E. 57th St. Living American Art, to Oct. 1.

Contemporary Arts, 38 W. 57th St. Paintings by the Sponsored Group and Guest Artists, to Oct. 1.

Delphic Studios, 730 Fifth Ave. Mexican Art, to Oct. 1.

Durand-Ruel, 12 E. 57th St. Nineteenth and Twentieth Century French Painting, to Oct. 1.

Ferargil Galleries, 63 E. 57th St. Group Show of Painting and Sculpture by Modern American Artists, to Oct. 1.

Findlay Galleries, 8 E. 57th St. Mixed Moderns; Western Paintings, to Oct. 1. French Art Galleries, 51 E. 57th St. Modern French Paintings, to Oct. 1.

Karl Freund Gallery, 50 E. 57th St. Animal Sculpture, Garden Sculpture and Fountains, to Sept. 25.

Grand Central Art Galleries. 15 Vanderbilt Ave. 1937 Founders' Show, to Nov. 18; Prints by American Artists, to Oct. 1.

Grand Central Art Galleries, Fifth Avenue Galleries, Fifth Ave. at 51st St. Paintings and Sculpture by American Artists, to Oct. 1.

Marie Harriman Gallery, 61 E. 57th St. Modern French Paintings, to Oct. 1. Arthur H. Harlow & Co., 620 Fifth Ave. Miscellaneous Prints, to Oct. 1.

Frederick Keppel & Co., 71 E. 57th St. Miscellaneous Etchings, to Oct. 1; Drawings of the Pennsylvania Coal Region by Harry Sternberg, Sept. 21 to Oct. 9.

M. Knoedler & Co., 14 E. 57th St. Paintings by Bessie Lasky, to Sept. 29. C. W. Kraushaar Art Galleries, 730 Fifth Ave. American Paintings, to Oct. 1. John Levy Galleries, 1 E. 57th St. Old Masters, to Oct. 1.

Lilienfeld Galleries, 21 E. 57th St. Old and Modern Masters, to Oct. 1.

Guy Mayer Gallery, 41 E. 57th St. Contemporary American and European Prints, to Oct. 1,

Mannados Bookshop, 33 E. 49th St. Engravings, Etchings and Drypoints by Robert Austin, R.E., to Oct. 1.

Midtown Galleries, 605 Madison Ave. Retrospective Exhibition of Paintings by Waldo Peirce, to Sept. 26.

Milch Galleries, 108 W. 57th St. Group Show of American Painting, to Oct. 1.

Montross Gallery, 785 Fifth Ave. Oil Paintings by Revington Arthur, to Sept. 19; Paintings and Drawings by R. Paris, Sept. 20 to Oct. 2.

Morton Galleries, 130 W. 57th St. Group Show, to Oct. 1.

J. B. Neumann's New Art Circle, 509 Madison Ave. Paintings by Old Masters, to Oct. 1.

Newhouse Galleries, 5 E. 57th St. Italian Primitives from the Collection of Richard Hurd, to Oct. 8.

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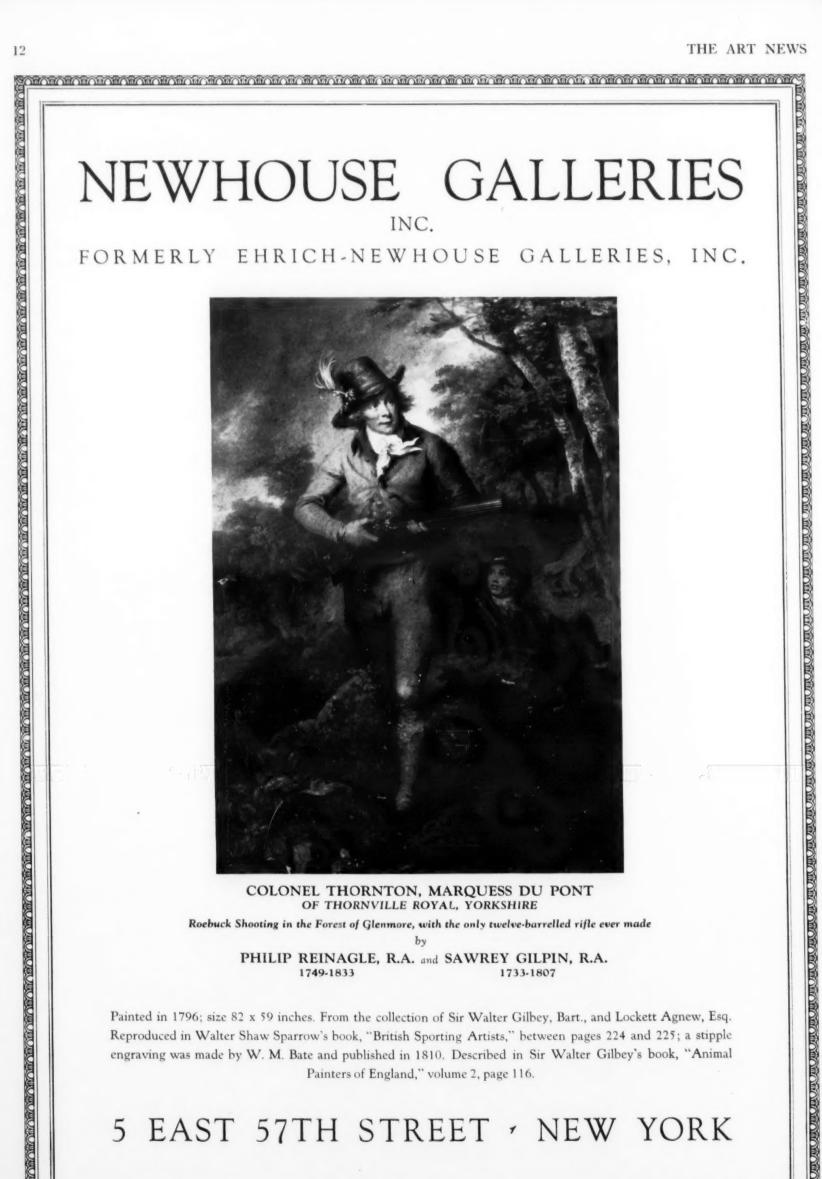
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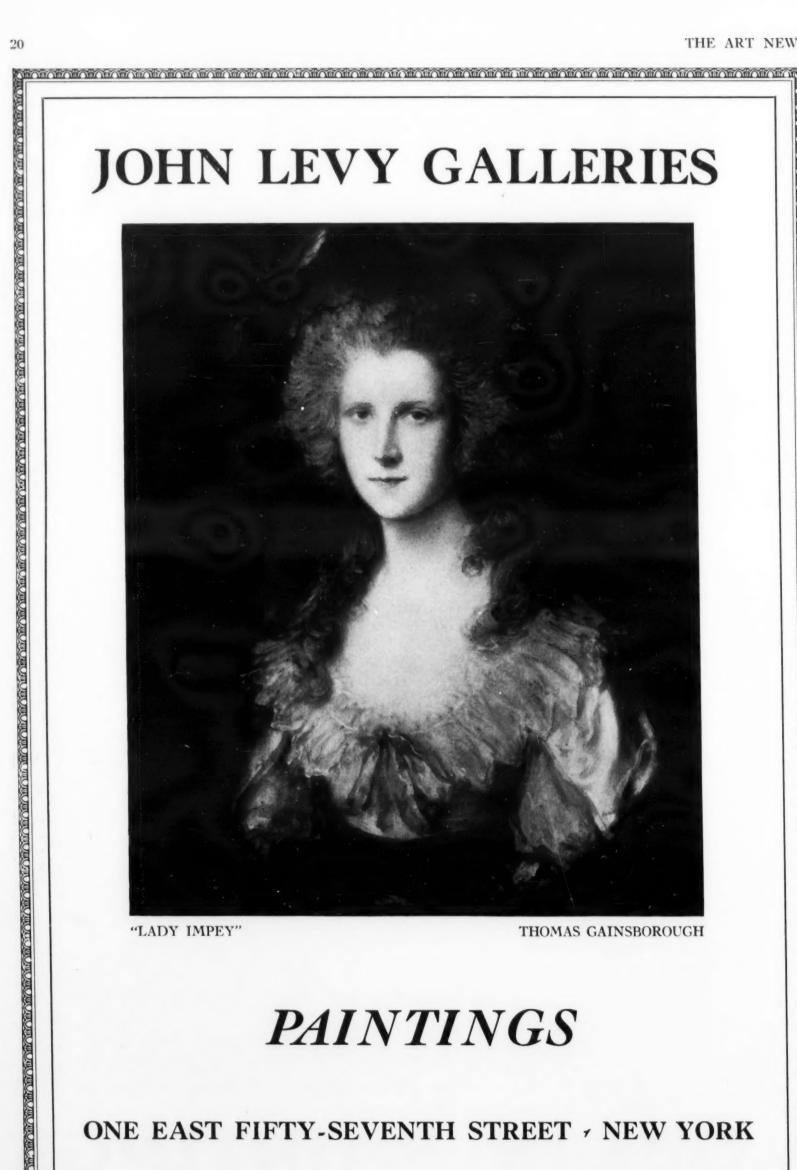


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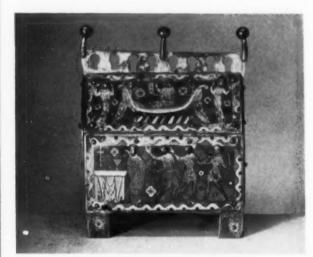
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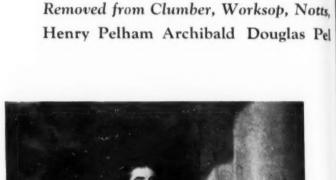
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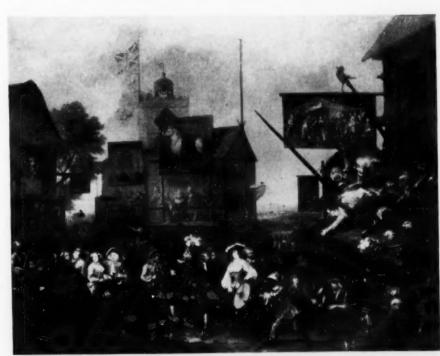
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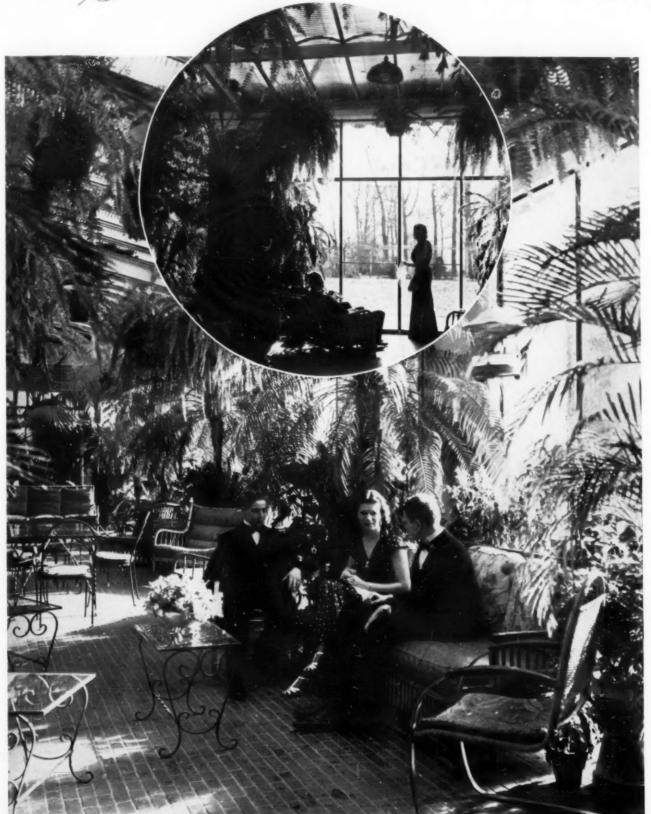


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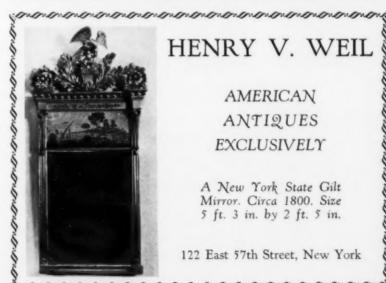


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